

OLD GYMNASIUM TO BE REMODELED

EXPECTATION IS THAT IT WILL
BE REMODELED FOR OTHER
COLLEGE USES.

The discontinuing of the Kindergarten department at Alma College, and the expectation of a new gymnasium in the very near future is giving rise to speculation as to what use the present gymnasium building will be put to, as it soon will cease to be needed either for the purpose of housing the Kg. department, which has for years used the first floor of the structure or for the promotion of the physical welfare of the students of the college, as the second floor has been used in gymnasium work for over a score of years.

To be used for college work of any other kind, the belief is held that the building must undergo numerous alterations and repairs. And in this connection it is considered as decidedly doubtful if the college authorities will leave the structure at its present location if it is decided to give it any very extensive remodeling to fit it up for other purposes.

The idea behind such reasoning is the fact that the architects plan for the college calls for dormitories where the gymnasium building is now located. That means it would hardly be probable that the college would spend any considerable sum of money in remodeling the structure in its present location only to be forced to move it in a few years.

Thus it is considered that when the matter is given consideration by the Board of Trustees that the structure will be moved to a permanent location, and then remodeled and made into another building for the college. There are two probable permanent locations for the building, judging from the plan for the college. One of these is to the south of the library and museum, and the other to the east of Davis field.

Whether or not the trustees will decide to move the structure this coming year, or remodel it temporarily and leave it in its present location for the time being, is a question that will probably be one of the many that will be before the Board of Trustees at its next meeting, although it is possible that it may not come up until some later period. That it will be a matter that will no be held in abeyance long, is regarded as certain, however from the fact that the college can well use the additional room that the old gymnasium building will provide, once it has been remodeled, either permanently or temporarily.

National Magazine • Aids Essay Contest

"Go in for this Prize" is the title of an editorial appearing in the May 21 issue of Collier's Weekly endorsing the "Good Roads and Highway Transport" national essay contest among pupils of high school grade. The contest is being conducted under the auspices of the Highway and Highway Transport Education Committee, Willard Building, Washington, D. C.

"A big prize," says the editorial "One of the world's biggest. A prize that means more as you enter life than money, or a ribbon on your coat or a title, will be open for four weeks from today to every one of the two million boys and girls of high school grade in the United States."

"The prize," continues the editor "a college education with all necessary expenses paid, will be won by the best essay of 500 words or less on the subject 'Good Roads and Highway Transport' written by any boy or girl of high school grade. Collier's commends this subject. But there are two other details of the contest that make it particularly interesting.

"The first is the brief time allowed to write essays. They are due on June 15, less than four weeks from the time you receive this issue of Collier's. There can be no loafing no waiting for inspiration. This is true of most professional writing which has to be delivered on a certain date, and seldom is that date remote.

"The second point worth noticing is the brevity demanded in the essays. They must be short. There can be no padding, no so-called 'fine writing,' no skipping around from one idea to another.

"The prize is the gift of Mr. Harvey S. Firestone, of Akron, Ohio. It is announced by the United States Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton, with whom Mr. Firestone is associated as a member of the Highway Transport Education Committee in Washington. Other members of the committee represent the United States Army, the Bureau of Public Roads, the Society of Engineering Education and the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

"If you are a boy or a girl, go in for this prize. Collier's is glad to tell you about it. Do some clear thinking about roads, and about the vehicles that run over them. What do they mean to you today? What will better roads and better vehicles mean to you when you grow up? Think hard and put your thoughts down clearly. And remember your essay must be in the hands of the principal of your school or the state commissioner of education before June 15."

Might Pattern From the Geese

The most remarkable example of a true family group I have ever seen is given by our geese. We have four Toulouse ganders and eight geese, and seven of the latter have had their turn as incubator. The eggs from the young geese were not very fertile, but there is a group of goslings and they are certainly being well cared for. The entire flock of 12 geese stay right by these youngsters. They move about the farm as a family group, the old birds walking slowly, so as to accommodate the children. In case of any threatened danger the goslings scurry to the center, and the old geese range around them with open mouths and wings ready for a blow. No rat or dog or cat would dare approach this squad of home defenders. The goslings are taught how to graze and what to eat—how to swim; in fact, everything that a goose ought to know. From grandfather gander down to the youngest goose every member of the flock is on deck, ready to brood these fortunate youngsters or fight for them. It is a great thing to see this group of gray birds, as much alike as peas, in a pod, sitting on the grass in a group, taking turns at brooding these little ones. How different this is from the way the hens act. Take that big Red hen with her brood of Black chickens. She never goes near the other hens. The rest of the flock will give her no help. The rooster is too lazy and selfish even to scratch a worm for his children. They grow up as beat they can, and no feathered friends seem to care whether they live or die except their nurse. As soon as they get reasonable size this nurse drives them away to shift for themselves, while the geese remain together as a community as long as they live.

There are a good many rural communities which might well take pattern from our geese. Too many children are treated much as the hen treats her chickens. We turn them over to a teacher—usually a stranger if we know nothing—and forget them. The teacher is hired to keep them straight—why don't she do it? We pay her enough; why don't she tend to her business? That is about the spirit of the hen, and who can wonder if when the chickens grow up to be hens and roosters they become the most selfish things you can imagine—utterly incapable of caring for themselves without direction from some super-mind. And that is partly why so many of our boys and girls grow up so narrow and selfish that they cannot get together in real co-operative work. The result is that, like the poultry, they must be directed or ruled by some superior mind, and forced to pay about all they produce, and their very lives in addition, for the privilege of receiving protection which they could only organize as the geese do.

For the geese seem to have at least one right idea about raising children. Every member of the community is interested, each one willing to give up some little personal gain in order to protect the young geese. Some of these older geese might easily wander off by themselves, where the worms and grubs are thick, and have a pickering. But they refuse to do it, and remain together in order that the goslings may have a full chance. I have heard well-to-do men say: "I have no children to send to school. It is an outrage to make me pay taxes. The children are no good, anyway, and the schools are worse."

My geese do not talk or act that way. They gladly give up what is needed to educate and care for the young generation. That is why geese are so self-reliant, independent and strong—capable of taking care of themselves. And that is just the way it ought to be in every school district. We cannot have good schools or good teachers or good children until we work on the principle of my geese and give up something worth while for the benefit of the youngsters. In our district the women have organized a School and Home Society, which meets regularly and works with the teachers. They are doing great work. It is high time we discarded the hen as a type of instructor and teacher and set the goose up in her place. And when we do, our father will have to imitate the gander and do his full share of caring for the brood.—H. W. C. in The Rural New Yorker.

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CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE

CHURCHES OF CHRIST TO HOLD
THREE DAY MEETING IN
ALMA NEXT WEEK.

The fifty-third annual state convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Alma on Tuesday, May 31, Wednesday, June 1, and Thursday, June 2, at the East Superior street Church of Christ. The program indicates that the convention will be a highly interesting one.

George H. Carl of this city will give the words of welcome to the visiting delegates at the evening meeting to be held Tuesday. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the state board in the afternoon.

The program beginning with Tuesday evening follows:

TUESDAY EVENING
7:30—Song service in charge of W. Hackleman.
7:40—Address of welcome by Geo. H. Carl.
8:10—Address "Do we need private devotionals," John E. Pounds.
8:35—Music.
8:45—Address by Edgar DeWitt Jones of Detroit.

WEDNESDAY MORNING
8:45—Conference Period on boys' and girls' work, in charge of Mrs. C. A. Lambert, Detroit, and Miss Carmichael and G. L. Cook of Indianapolis.
9:45—Report of State Secretary J. F. Green of Owosso.
10:05—Address by M. H. Garrard of Ionia.
11:10—Appointment of committees.
11:20—Report of Secretary of Women's Work, by Mrs. E. H. McFarland.
11:35—Address by Mrs. Fred T. Hix.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
2:00—Song service.
2:15—Missionary address, W. H. Erskine of Japan.
2:45—Report of Commission on Recruiting for Christian Service, F. W. Norton.
3:15—Address, H. O. Pritchard of Indianapolis.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:30—Song Service.
7:45—Address by Mrs. Griest.
8:15—Address, The United Society, by J. H. Moharter of St. Louis.

THURSDAY MORNING
8:45—Conference Period.
9:45—Report of Commission on Stewardship.
10:15—Address, "Stewardship," by J. H. Moharter of St. Louis.
Most Neglected Duty," J. E. Pounds.
10:50—Devotional address, "Our 11:30—Symposium: Michigan's Contribution to Disciples of Christ.

THURSDAY EVENING
2:00—Song service.
2:15—Address, Enlisting Young Folks, by O. B. Little of Traverse City.
2:35—Report of Commission, Michigan as a Field.
3:05—Reports and Business.
4:05—Symposium: A More Worshipful Service.

THURSDAY EVENING
7:30—Song service.
7:45—Address by C. A. Brady of Grand Rapids.

County Officers Seeking Speeders

It promises to be a warm summer in Gratiot count for speeders during the coming months, a motorcycle officer being out paroling the roads of Gratiot, and it is regarded as more than possible that this same officer may take it into his head to travel around in this vicinity before very long, with the expectation of picking up a speeder or two.

At the recent meeting of the board of supervisors the purchase of a motorcycle by the county was authorized. It has been secured and Roy Willert, a son of Sheriff Willert, and one of the deputies of the county, is now riding it around the county. His first day out Willert contented himself with just issuing a few friendly warnings to the speeders. It is understood that the day of warnings is over, however, and that speeders from now on must face the justice.

CEMETERY OPEN LATER
Until Memorial Day the cemetery gates will be open in the evening until 7:30, giving lot owners plenty of opportunity to go to Riverside in the evening and set out plants and flowers for Memorial Day.

Young Lad Aids Two in River

Theron Wolf, aged fourteen years, recently saved two lads from drowning in Pine river, in all probability. The two lads, Donald Bolyard and John Fleming, aged 8, got into a canoe and were playing in it as the canoe drifted out into the stream. Wolf who noticed them went to their assistance and started to bring the canoe back to the shore, when one of the lads stood up, and overbalanced, turning the canoe over and pitching the three into the river. Wolf promptly aided the two lads, shoving them ahead of him, until their feet could touch the river bottom, and they could keep their heads above the water.

"A Tailor-Made Man" coming.—01-3w

MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE WELL OBSERVED HERE

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American Legion exercises will be held.

The program to be given at the Strand follows:
Song—"America."
Recitation—"America's Creed," by Hugh Ward.
Songs—Selected, by the fifth and sixth grades of Washington school.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Gordon Lamb.
Music by quartette.
Address—Rev. Ames A. Maywood of Detroit.
Song—"Star-spangled Banner."
Benediction—Past Chaplain Mulvey.

The W. R. C. will furnish flowers for the decorating of the graves, and these will be placed on the graves by the Boy Scouts.
Automobiles will be furnished for the use of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. members in the parade.
Invitations have been extended to the fraternal organizations of the city to join in the Memorial Day parade, and at the time of going to press today the Elks lodge was the only one which had formally accepted the invitation. It is expected that other acceptances will be made before Monday.

The attention of the public is again called to the fact that hats should be off when the flag comes by in the parade. It is a thing that is still overlooked by a number of people on such occasions.

RESERVOIR WILL COST CITY MORE

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feet as planned, it is now intended to give it an inside depth of 14 feet and eight inches.

The barrel arch of the tank will need more support than ordinarily planned because of the pressure from above on the sides against the water sand, which may be easily displaced under pressure, and this will be strengthened by additional concrete work.

It is estimated that the cost of the additional excavating and the additional concrete work in making the large tank safe will cost about \$5,000 more than originally planned, thus making the total cost about \$30,000. The extra cost will be more than offset by the satisfaction of know-



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ing that the tank is resting on a solid foundation, with little danger of ground slips that might cause the concrete to crack, ruining the tank, and also in the fact that the capacity of the million gallon tank will be increased by about 200,000 gallons, thus increasing the capacity of the water system, making it sufficient for a much larger city, and in event of the city being forced to a filtration plant, it will furnish a large unit for such an institution.

EXHIBIT POSTPONED

The annual exhibit of the manual training, art and domestic science departments of the Alma public schools which was to have been held on June 2 and 3, has been postponed until June 8 and 9.

Wheeler Scene of Bad Fire

The village of Wheeler, several miles east of here, was the scene of a serious fire Saturday afternoon which caused the destruction of four buildings damaged several others, and for a time threatened a greater part of the village. The village hall, a pool room belonging to Roy Partee, a meat market owned by Mr. Oster and a residence all suffered considerable damage. It is believed that the fire started in the meat market and then spread to the adjoining structures.—(Breck. Corr.)

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32 x 4 S. S.	34.95	26.90	42.00	34.40	49.80	41.85	52.30	46.30	4.55	3.55
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